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## APRIL IS STD AWARENESS MONTH, A TIME TO “TALK. TEST. TREAT.” WITH NO-COST SCREENINGS



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April is observed as Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Awareness Month, a time to remind the community about the importance of testing for and treating diseases such as syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea. This year's theme is “Talk. Test. Treat.”



Educating sexually-active people about the risks of unprotected sex and the symptoms of STDs is part of public health's core mission.

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) has STD clinics and programs for confidential

testing and treatment at five of its health department locations. Those who are tested may choose to have notifications sent via a text message.

To encourage more Pinellas residents to get tested and treated for STDs, DOH-Pinellas is providing no-cost testing at its clinics on these Wednesdays: April 10 and April 24.

Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at these locations for the no-cost testing on April 10 and April 24:

- Tarpon Springs: 301 S. Disston Ave.
- Clearwater: 310 N. Myrtle Ave.
- Mid-County: 8751 Ulmerton Rd., Largo
- Pinellas Park: 6350 76<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
- St. Petersburg: 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.

DOH-Pinellas will also offer no-cost STD tests during the **Spring Health Fling from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27**, at Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Dr., Largo. The event is sponsored by the Suncoast Osteopathic Foundation to celebrate and promote healthy lifestyles. It includes live music, bounce houses, children's activities, entertainment and educational experiences for family members of all ages. Admission to the park is free and food and beverages are available for purchase. For information, go to <https://www.suncoastosteopathic.org/>.

For information about STDs, including common symptoms and tips on telling partners to get tested, go to <http://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/std/index.html>.

For information about services at DOH-Pinellas, go to [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com) or follow us on Twitter at [@HealthyPinellas](https://twitter.com/HealthyPinellas).

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